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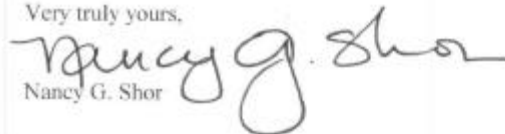
Dear Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives, we offer our support for the important goals of H.R. 4070, the Social Security Program Protection Act.

Specifically, Title III of this measure contains two important provisions that NOSSCR strongly supports. These provisions are designed to ensure access to legal representation for those Social Security and Supplemental Security Income claimants who seek to be represented as they pursue their claims and appeals. First, the bill limits the assessment of the user fee to \$100.00 or 6.3%, whichever is lower. Second, the bill extends the current Title II fee withholding and direct payment procedure to the Title XVI program, giving SSI claimants the same access to representation as is currently available to Social Security claimants. Together, these provisions makes changes that will help claimants obtain representation as they navigate what can often be a confusing and difficult process.

NOSSCR appreciates your continued interest in improving the attorney fee payment process and ensuring the best possible service delivery to both claimants and attorneys. We look forward to the action of the House on this legislation.

Very truly yours,


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